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Mr. David Libman
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**RE: EPA Review Comments on
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
Castillo de San Marcos National Monument
CEQ No. 20070170**

Dear Mr. Libman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 4 reviewed the subject Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, and Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this letter is to provide you with EPA's comments.

The FEIS assesses the potential environmental impacts of the management plan for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument in St. Augustine, Florida. Alternative C, the NPS preferred alternative (also the environmentally preferred alternative), focuses on preservation by removing ranger offices from the casemates and relocating them to a new structure in the visitor services zone. This alternative would also remove a large portion of the existing visitor parking lot, resulting in reduced runoff into Matanzas Bay. We note the revisions made since the Draft EIS regarding the preferred alternative and the management of the visitor parking lot.

The EPA review did not identify any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If we may be of further assistance, please contact me or Ramona McConney of my staff at (404) 562-9615.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heinz J. Mueller", is written over a horizontal line.

Heinz J. Mueller, Chief
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